



Comptroller General
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter of: Moore Medical Corporation

File: B-265837

Date: September 29, 1995

DECISION

Moore Medical Corporation protests certain improprieties in request for proposals (RFP) No. V797ES500009, which was issued by the Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to the agency's plan to establish a prime vendor program for pharmaceutical items. Moore requests that the solicitation be canceled and that the agency consider the various objections the protester has raised against the prime vendor program itself.

We dismiss the protest because the agency has canceled the underlying solicitation.

The cancellation of a solicitation renders a protest academic. Morey Mach., Inc.-Recon., B-233793.2, Aug. 3, 1989, 89-2 CPD ¶ 102. We do not consider academic protests because to do so would serve no useful public policy purpose. We only consider protests against specific procurement actions and will not render to a protester what would be, in effect, an advisory decision. See East West Research, Inc.-Recon., B-233623.2, Apr. 14, 1989, 89-1 CPD ¶ 379. Although Moore argues that the agency will continue to issue similar types of solicitations if the process is not reviewed, this argument does not provide grounds for our consideration. If the agency does issue another solicitation presenting the same issue, Moore will be able to file a protest at that time.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael R. Golden".

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